

Puerto Rican Educators Association, Inc.
Board Meeting

Date: September 22, 1981
Time: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Place: La Casa de Don Pedro

I Welcome:

Quorum was established. Meeting convened at 4:10 p.m.
Minutes were read and approved by motion from Margarita Vega.

II Committee reports:

Sixteen members have paid so far. A financial statement was distributed by Mr. P. Sierra.

Motion presented by Ines Guerrero to approve the treasurer's report.

Social committee

President explained that the chairpersons were not present at at the last Executive Board meeting and were not present at this meeting, so board must decide whether to go on with dance arrangements or not. Mrs. Mitchell mentioned Marina's idea of a dance on a big star at the Symphony Hall.

Carson Figueroa presented a motion to the effect that Ines Guerrero contact Carmen Perez and Norma Sanchez and find out how interested they are in having this dance. Motion was seconded by M. Vega.

Other committees were not present.

III Mr. R. Gonzalez - Director of Bilingual Program

Mr. Gonzalez joined us to share with P.R.E.A. what's being done in Bilingual Education, and his desire to open his office to other agencies, the public, the business community and anyone involved with the education of students. He requested feed-back from P.R.E.A. since our basic commitment is children and their education. He is hopeful of implementing Bilingual Education in every school possible.

Mr. Gonzalez mentioned and invited all to participate in the October 1st Bilingual Teacher's Welcome to be held at the Northward Cultural Center from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

He briefly spoke about the coalition of Concerned Citizens of Bilingual Education; the Bilingual Education Bill (P.L. 94-142); the High Intensity E.S.L. Program (levelized program) and the effect of federal funds on the Bilingual Program.

Mrs. Mitchell requested we be kept abreast of happenings affecting Bilingual Education and programs dealing with the education of our

youngsters so we may know where the problems are and how to support him.

IV Retreat

Mr. Figueroa informed on reasonable place for the Retreat-9403, Hialeahston, N.J. Approximately 150 week-end including 4 meals and two nights lodging-children \$12.00. Bring your own blankets and sheets.

Johnny Cassie motioned to schedule retreat for week-end of November 4-6. Margarita Vega seconded this motion. Carmen Figueroa will send a letter to all Board members and other educational leaders in Newark with details on retreat.

Old Business

Amendments to Constitution were distributed, discussed and approved except for last item.

Last Amendment to be worked to present to Board at next meeting.

Announcements

Bilingual Conference Wa. Paterson College, October 16-17.

Bilingual Melcom \$2.00 donation.

Congreso Boricua is sponsoring a conference and P.R.E.A. will have a special interest group for one hour to discuss educational issues. Also, P.R.E.A. will prepare an exhibit for that week-end.

Ines Guerrero was appointed Commissioner of Housing.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy B. Binaur

Sourdes:

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I will not be
able to attend
today's meeting.

Please excuse me.
Thank you
Gloria
Ramos